

Mecca Hills and Orocopia Mountains Draft Wilderness Management Plan

Creating a new Wilderness Management Plan for the Mecca Hills and Orocopia Mountains Wilderness areas offers both the BLM and the community a unique opportunity to produce a long-range plan that addresses both current and anticipated needs. We want to develop a broad “vision” for the future of these wilderness areas that not only reflects the values of the community – the people who live here, who visit, and who care about these areas, but also supports the goals and objectives of the Wilderness Act. The Wilderness Management Plan will guide the area’s management practices for the next couple of decades, so we need a clear understanding of where we are going and what we want to accomplish. Please take a few minutes to fill out this brief worksheet to help us develop a vision for the Mecca Hills and Orocopia Mountains Wilderness areas. You may add more pages if you wish. **Please return by August 21st, 2012.**

NAME: _____ PHONE (optional): _____

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A VISION FOR THE MECCA HILLS AND OROCOPIA MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS AREAS

What do you value most about the Mecca Hills and Orocopia Mountains Wilderness areas, and why? _____

What changes would you like to see? _____

What is your vision for the future of the Mecca Hills and Orocopia Mountains Wilderness areas? What do you want it to look like in 20 years? Or even 50 years when our grandchildren come here? _____

ENVIRONMENT

What are your key concerns about the environment with these wilderness areas? Please be specific. _____

VISITOR SERVICES

What improvements should be made to better accommodate visitors (e.g., campgrounds, trails, etc.)? Please be specific. _____

What aspects of visitor services and facilities do you like most and want to keep the same? _____

How often do you visit the Mecca Hills and Orocopia Mountains Wilderness areas?

____ several times a year ____ once a year ____ once every few years ____ I've never visited

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

The Mecca Hills and Orocopia Mountains Wilderness areas are part of the fabric of the surrounding communities. They are tied into the local economies, recreational activities, culture, and social activities of their neighbors.

If you live near these wilderness areas, please let us know...what are the greatest benefits of living near the Mecca Hill and Orocopia Mountains Wilderness areas? _____

What is the greatest drawback? _____

What could be done to improve these wilderness areas' effect on surrounding communities (e.g. the local economy, tourism, traffic, etc.)? Please be specific. _____

Is there anything else you would like to share with us? (attach additional sheets if needed) _____
